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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN SPRINT REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN ITS JEFFERSON CITY EXCHANGE

JEFFERSON CITY—Sprint Missouri, Inc. (Sprint) has filed an application with the Public Service Commission seeking competitive classification for all of its residential and business services, other than exchange access service, in its Jefferson City exchange.

If competitive status is granted, Sprint would no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC in its Jefferson City exchange. Sprint would be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC would continue to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **April 5, 2006**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Linda Gardner, 6450 Sprint Parkway, KSOPHN0204-2B503, Overland Park, Kansas 66251; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the PSC.

The PSC Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other interested party is to file any objections or recommendations regarding Sprint's request by April 10, 2006.

In this case, state law requires the Commission to issue its decision within 30 days of Sprint's March 31, 2006 filing. Under the law, the 30-day criteria for determining competitive classification is based upon the existence of two other entities providing basic local telecommunications service, one of which may be a wireless provider, the other a wireline company providing local voice service using facilities in which it has a partial or full ownership interest.

If any party opposes Sprint's application, a hearing will be held on April 19, 2006, in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.